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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF YOUTHS DEATHS

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(HMER REPORT FEBRUARY 5, 1974)

1. RESULTS OF MILITARY COURT'S INVESTIGATION OF DEATH

OF FOUR STUDENTS (SEE REFTELS) IS NOW ON PRIME MINISTER'S
DESK, AND WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED INFORMATION ON IT
SHORTLY. MEANWHILE, THE COMMANDANT OF
THE ARMY GARRISON WHERE THE STUDENTS MET THEIR DEATH
HAS BEEN REPLACED.

2. THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED FORMAL COM-
PLAINTS FROM THE PARENTS OF THE DEAD YOUTHS ASKING THAT
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THOSE RESPONSIBLE BE PUNISHED. COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

CHENG HENG SHOWED US COPIES OF THESE TYPED DOCUMENTS.
NOTING THAT THEIR COMMON FORMAT AND SOPHISTICATED LANGUAGE
INDICATED THAT THEY ORIGINATED FROM AN ORGANIZATION WITH
LEGAL RESOURCES. THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS CONFIDED
THIS MATTER TO CHENG HENG, WHO SAID HE MAY CHOOSE TO PASS
THE DOCUMENTS ON TO COURT AUTHORITIES.

3. CHENG HENG NOTED
THAT SOME KHMER JOURNALISTS ARE NOW
CLAIMING
TO HAVE OBTAINED INFORMATION
FROM MILITARY UNIT
HOLDING YOUTHS THAT LATTER WERE KILLED AFTER THEY HAD BEEN
UNABLE TO PRODUCE 60,000 REILS DEMANDED FOR THEIR RELEASE.
THIS STORY HAS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, NOT BEEN
MADE PUBLIC.
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